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**PCP TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS**

**GREENBELT**, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Williams sentenced Shadita Sweeney, age 28, of Washington, DC, to 10 years in prison in connection with her guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute phencyclidine, commonly known as "PCP."

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court, Sweeney, acting as a "middleman," obtained between one and three kilograms of PCP from a co-defendant and resold the drugs to others for a profit. Upon her arrest, DEA agents seized from her home various items used for the packaging and sale of drugs, including plastic bags, funnels and a heat sealer. Additionally, \$1,546 was seized from her bedroom.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mythili Raman.